

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Heretofore, for the purpose breaking foam at the gas phase section in a polymerization vessel, there are proposed a method of conducting polymerization while stirring the gas phase section by means of rotating blades (see Japanese Post-examination Patent Publication (kokoku) 60-42804), and a method of ~~splaying~~ spraying water or a foam-controlling agent over foam using ~~splay~~ spray nozzles such as flat nozzle, a full-cone nozzle, or the like (Japanese Post-examination Patent Publication (kokoku) 50-30106).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is an object of the present invention to provide a process for producing a vinyl chloride polymer which can certainly prevent the polymer slurry from foaming, rising, and scattering during polymerization or recovery of unreacted monomers, and can make a ~~flux~~ reflux condenser exhibit its heat-removing effects fully, and can recover unreacted monomers efficiently.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At the time when the internal temperature had reached 57 ° C after the initiation of heating, the internal temperature was maintained at 57 ° C, so that the polymerization proceeded. At the time of 80 minutes after the initiation of the temperature rise, a reflux condenser was ~~stated~~ started to operate and heat quantity removed in each example was controlled to the value as given in Table 1 or Table 2. Unreacted monomers were started to be

recovered at the time when the polymerization was completed, and the recovery was carried out under the conditions of a recovery flow rate given in Table 1 and Table 2 and over a time given in Table 1 or Table 2. The polymerization was deemed to have completed when the pressure inside the polymerization vessel fell down to $0.588 \text{ MPa} \cdot \text{G}$ ($6.0 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \cdot \text{G}$).

Please amend the Abstract on page 22 of the specification to read as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for ~~producing a vinyl chloride polymer is provided. This process includes~~ polymerizing vinyl chloride or a monomer mixture containing vinyl chloride in an aqueous medium in a polymerization vessel fitted with a reflux condenser. ~~This process is~~ characterized by starting to add (A) an anti-foam agent, and (B) a partially saponified polyvinyl alcohol with an average degree of polymerization of 100 to 500 and a saponification degree of 75 to 85 mole %, to a reaction mixture during the operation of said reflux condenser, and continuing the addition of (A) and (B) until recovery of unreacted monomers from said polymerization vessel is completed. ~~According to the process, it is possible to prevent~~ thereby preventing the polymer slurry from foaming, rising, or scattering during polymerization or recovery of unreacted monomers.